

Appl. No. 10/025,197
Amdt. dated March 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 2, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 10-13, 17-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Nakajima (US 6,168,216) for reasons set forth in the Office Action. In particular, the Examiner noted that a point, discussed in the remarks of the previous response, namely the translation of the roller axis (element 26 in Figs. 2 and 3), is not set forth specifically in the claims which merely recite "moveable" by the toggle lever. The Examiner suggested that claim 10 be amended to include movement of the rotational axis of the roller.

In this response, claim 10 is amended, in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner, to recite the displacement of the rotational axis of the roller. This amendment is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 102 by specifically setting forth in the claims a feature which distinguishes over Nakajima as explained in the remarks of the previous response. This is believed to introduce allowable subject matter into claim 10 and its dependent claims.


Accordingly, this amendment and argument are believed to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 102 so as to secure allowance of the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

In the event there are further issues remaining in any respect the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

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